THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 31st July 1952.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at four of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Alleged reports against the District Superintendent of Police, Nellore.

* 59 Q.—JANAB SYED MAHABOOB: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have recently received any reports against the District Superintendent of Police, Nellore; and if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir."

JANAB SYED MAHABOOB :—" నెల్లూరు బస్సు కార్మికుల సమ్మె సందర్భములో వారిని పోలీసులు లాఠీచార్జి చేసినప్పుడు అనేకమంది కార్మికులు గాయపడి ప్రమాద పరిస్థితులకు గురిఅయినారనే విషయము ప్రభుత్వ దృష్టికి తీసుకు రాబడినదా? అట్లయిన, ఆ విషయములో ప్రభుత్వము విచారణ జరిపి తగు చర్య తీసుకొంటున్నదా ?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am sorry I have not understood the supplementary question. The question was whether any reports had been received against the District Superintendent of Police and I said 'No'. I do not exactly understand what the supplementary question is. Could you tell me?" (To Sri C. Rajeswara Rao.)

SRI C. RAJESWARA RAO :—" Sir, what the hon. Member is asking is whether the Hon. the Chief Minister has any knowledge of a report regarding a strike of bus workers in connexion with which a lathi charge was made and several people were sent to hospital, etc."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Yes, Sir. I have received reports that the strikers obstructed the buses that were started. They also crowded at one or two important points, deflated the tyres of the buses and threw out the brake fluid and also pelted stones. Then some people were arrested."

SRI C. RAJESWARA RAO :—" Does this mean, Sir, that no lathi charge was made and no severe injuries were caused? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, as far as I am able to say, there have been no serious injuries. 'Lathi charge' is a very loose term. When a crowd gathers the police have got to clear it."